

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A shrimp tray for holding a plurality of shrimp, the shrimp tray comprising:

a tray base having an annular shelf for supporting the shrimp, the annular shelf including a plurality of radial grooves that connect an inner circumferential groove and an outer circumferential groove, the tray base further including an integral cup holder;

a condiment cup adapted to be placed in the cup holder, the condiment cup including a lid;

a removably transparent cover that engages the tray base to form a cavity cooperatively therewith for enclosing the plurality of shrimp and the condiment cup; and

wherein substantially all of at least one side of each of the plurality of shrimp is visible through the transparent cover.

2. The shrimp tray of Claim 1, wherein the tray base further comprises an outer sidewall having at least one circumferentially oriented protrusion and the transparent cover further comprises an outer sidewall having at least one circumferentially oriented depression, wherein the protrusion engages the depression when the transparent cover is disposed on the tray base.

3. The shrimp tray of Claim 1, wherein the tray base further comprises a first peripheral flange and the cover further comprises a second peripheral flange such that the first flange is adjacent the second flange when the transparent cover is disposed on the tray base.

4. The shrimp tray of Claim 3, wherein the first flange is disposed at the bottom of the tray base, and further wherein the cup holder includes a lower panel that is generally coplanar with the first flange.

5. The shrimp tray of Claim 4, wherein the transparent cover further comprises a depression at an upper surface that is sized to receive the lower panel of the cup holder of a second similar shrimp tray to facilitate stacking of the shrimp trays.

6. The shrimp tray of Claim 4, wherein the condiment cup extends vertically from adjacent the lower panel of the cup holder approximately to the cover.

7. The shrimp tray of Claim 1, wherein the cup holder includes a cylindrical wall that extends vertically higher than the annular shelf.

8. The shrimp tray of Claim 1, wherein the tray base further comprises an outer side wall, wherein the outer side wall has an upper end that is approximately coplanar with the annular shelf such that the outer side wall does not substantially obscure the shrimp.

9. A shrimp tray for supporting a plurality of shrimp, the shrimp tray comprising:

a tray base including

- a) a cup holder having a peripheral wall;
- b) an annular shelf disposed about the cup holder, the shelf having an inner periphery, an outer periphery, and a plurality of grooves extending from the inner periphery to the outer periphery;
- c) an inner circumferential groove disposed at the inner periphery of the shelf;
- d) an outer circumferential groove disposed at the outer periphery of the shelf;
- e) an outer sidewall disposed about the shelf; and
- f) a flange disposed about the outer side wall;

a condiment cup adapted to be removably retained in the cup holder; and

a transparent cover adapted to be removably placed over the tray base, the transparent cover including

- a) a bowl-shaped upper portion that cooperatively with the tray base defines a cavity therebetween;
- b) a sidewall portion extending from the bowl-shaped upper portion, the sidewall portion sized to slidably engage the tray base outer side wall; and

c) a flange on the cover sidewall portion wherein the cover flange is adjacent to the tray base flange when the cover sidewall portion engages the tray base outer sidewall.

10. The shrimp tray of Claim 9, wherein the transparent cover and tray base further comprise an engagement mechanism for positively locking the cover to the tray base.

11. The shrimp tray of Claim 9, wherein the tray base outer sidewall includes at least one circumferentially oriented protrusion and the transparent cover sidewall has at least one circumferentially oriented depression, wherein the protrusion engages the depression when the transparent cover is disposed on the tray base.

12. The shrimp tray of Claim 9, wherein the tray base flange is disposed at the bottom of the tray base, and further wherein the cup holder includes a lower panel that is generally coplanar with the tray base flange.

13. The shrimp tray of Claim 12, wherein the transparent cover further comprises a depression at an upper surface that is sized to receive the lower panel of the cup holder of a second similar shrimp tray, to facilitate stacking of the shrimp trays.

14. The shrimp tray of Claim 14, wherein the condiment cup extends vertically from adjacent the lower panel of the cup holder approximately to the cover.

15. The shrimp tray of Claim 9, wherein the cup holder includes a cylindrical wall that extends vertically higher than the annular shelf.